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EDITORIALS

THEY WANT TO GET HOME

The eagerness of Congress to get home and have a chance to report directly to their constituents before the November election, is testimony to the fact that the voter is still the ruler in this great nation.

Most Congressmen were ready to adjourn and go home a month ago. And probably would have, but for problems brought on by the Korean fighting and re-armament.

Once you leave the "Solid South" there is usually a tight race in each district to name a Congressman. A Senator has it easier because his term is for six years. But a Congressman must face the voters each two years. That means he has very little vacation from campaigning.

But it is all a good time. People are sovereign in a democracy and election day is their opportunity to shape our government. A Congressman must be able to "explain that vote" to the folks back home, and nothing worries him more than to be tied down in Washington while his opponent is firing away at him back in his district! So the next six weeks will see a lot of campaigning.

NEW YORK POLITICS

For years we have heard people discuss the "quality of politics" below the Mason and Dixon line. But we have yet to hear anything to beat the news of how candidates are selected in the Empire State. The basis of decision was for a balanced ticket as to nationality and home. It was a matter of putting a jig-saw together so as to attract voters on racial lines. Thus the next mayor of New York City will be an Italian: all parties put an Italian at the top of their ticket. (An Irishman had just been mayor). And so it went in chosing the state tickets. It appears that politics is a smart business!

WITH OTHER EDITORS

A JAPANESE PEACE PACT HAS LONG BEEN OVERDUE

(The Atlanta Journal)

Does it not seem absurd that we should still be in a "state of war" with Japan five years after her crushing defeat and surrender? "State of war," as here applied, is of course a purely technical term. There are no hostilities, no disorders and few if any serious signs of lingering animosities. Japan has been completely demilitarized and, under American supervision, has been given a government of, for and by her own people. There is still, however, no semblance of a peace treaty to witness and confirm these accomplishments.

President Truman announces that our State Department will launch a new effort to overcome this unfortunate anomaly. It is America's policy, he says, to end all such "war situations," including the deadlocks over Germany and Austria; and if this cannot be done with Russia's agreement, then it will be done without her. That is an important decision and probably will be supported by most of the governments principally concerned.

As far back as the summer of 1947 our State Department proposed that the countries represented on the Far Eastern Commission undertake jointly to draft a Japanese treaty. Those countries are Australia, Canada, China, France, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Phillipines, the United Kingdom, the United States and Russia. The response was favorable from all of them except Russia. She insisted that the question be referred to the four-power Council of Foreign Ministers, in which her single veto could block any majority decision, as it did in the case of Germany. Since then the effort has been snarled in procedural issues.

Meanwhile, the need of a settlement in Japan, as in Germany, has grown continually more desirable, indeed more urgent, both for diplomatic and for economic reasons. General MacArthur is on record as saying that the purposes of the military occupation of Japan have been accomplished and that treaty discussions should begin as soon as possible.

It goes without saying that Japan, forbidden as she to have any armament of her own, should not be left defenseless against a possible, in fact a probable, aggressor For the sake of international security itself Japan must not be exposed to the fate of Southern Korea. This is a matter in which the United Nations, and particularly the United States, is vitally concerned. The long-deferred peace treaty ought to be undertaken without further delay.

Egg Has Outgrown Its Fillers, Flats!

Mr. Egg has gotten too big for his breeches.

D. U. Livermore, poultry marketing specialist, says that the "breeding for egg size" program has resulted in eggs that no longer fit in the standard fillers and flats.

It's the fat eggs and the extra long eggs that are caught in the squeeze and suffer damage in transit.

Livermore cites USDA figures which show that there are 50 per cent more "fat" eggs, and 100 per cent more "too long" eggs than there were in 1917; but "we are still using fillers and flaps designed for the smaller eggs of 30 years ago."

However, new style fillers and plats which will allow Mr. Egg about 1-16 inch more elbow room in all dimensions have been recommended and are now being manufactured. In addition, the inside depth of the standard wooden case will be increased to allow enough room for the larger fillers and flats. No change will be needed in the standard fiber case now manufactured since the depth is adequate for the new fillers and flats.

A USDA study shows that the use of the new fillers, flats, and cases should mean a saving of about 1.6 checked eggs and 0.5 leakers per case.

Suggestion For Beautification

The State Highway Department's district engineer at Fredericksburg has suggested a new approach to the problem of checking illegal dumping of trash and garbage along state highways.

The engineer, R. I. Mount, believes dumping would be "materially lessened" if civic clubs and garden clubs would take a hand in the matter.

In an interview with the Caroline Progress, weekly newspaper at Bowling Green, Mr. Mount cited the success of this approach at Marshall in Fauquier County.

"The Garden Club of Fauquier County secured a piece of land where the public was permitted to dump without charge," he explained. "About three or four times a year, the Highway Department smoothes down this dump with a bulldozer. The County pays for the operation. The last bill as I recall it, was for about $35.00. So, therefore, it is my suggestion that the Boards of Supervisors or some other organized body, buy or rent land at several different locations where the public would be permitted to dump."

Ex-Congressman Andrew May is released from prison.

Close race continues in American League as three teams bid for the pennant.

Uncle Sam Says

More than 60 million workers will unite in the 68th observance of Labor Day, Sept. 4. Today, more than ever before, the workingman realizes the opportunities which have been opened to him. One of these is future financial security through the U. S. Savings Bonds Payroll Savings program. Millions of his co-workers have found that the regular, automatic pay-day investment in Savings Bonds provides not only a cushion against emergencies but is an assurance of security when he is ready to retire. Enroll for the Payroll Savings Plan where you work.

U S Treasury Department

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EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

The observance of National Employ the Physical Handicapped Week —October 1-7, 1950 will follow along the general lines that it has followed for the last five years again this year, stated Stephen Hanasik, manager of the Virginia State Employment Service in Farmville.

One phase, however, that should receive additional emphasis is the formation of local committees. In discussing the operation of his committee with Randolph Bruce, chairman, Governor Battle stated very definitely that he was in favor of establishing local committees. Minutes from the Governor's Committee meeting show that not only the group from Virginia, but the President's Committee in Washington, feel that the most effective method of stimulating local interest, and therefore, the actual purpose of NEPH Week, is to organize local committees—the larger the better.

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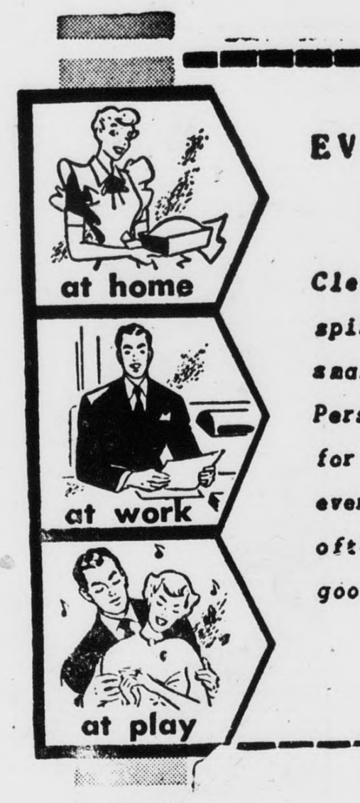

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World Evangelist

Lesson for September 24, 1950

Dr. Foreman

IT IS is not only the ignorant and the prejudiced who claim that Protestant Christianity did not start till the 17th Century. Even Protestants can make this mistake. The real founder of Protestantism is Saint Paul. What the Reformers of the 17th Century did was to re-discover Paul. The doctrines of Protestantism are not some peculiar invention of Luther, nor a vagary nor a quirk, still less a heresy; they are simply Christianity according to Saint Paul. If for no other reason, Paul is one of the most important figures in Christian history, perhaps in all history.

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The World is My Parish

THERE is another reason why Paul is important. It is not too much to say that if it had not been for him, there never would have been any Christianity, as a world-religion. It would have died as a Jewish sect.

What the history of the world would have been in that case, God only knows. But although our so-called Christian era is still not exactly Christian, it is vastly different from what it would have been if Christianity had been no more (say) than Essenism, a word you would have to look up in the enclycopedia, an antique and forgotten sect.

To many un-named Christians, but to Paul more than any other one person, we owe the fact that ours is a religion with a world-outlook.

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First Great Missionary

PAUL was not a typical Christian any more than George Washington was a typical American. To this day, missionaries can hardly be called typical Christians. They are far too few, and their quality is far too high, to stand for the "average" Christian—who in fact does not even understand missionaries, as a rule. Nevertheless, the missionary now as in Paul's time is the burning-point of Christianity, the front-line patrol, the cutting edge . . . . What made Paul a missionary makes missionaries today.

One thing was his vital experience of Christ. Jesus, for Paul, was not somebody he had read about in a book, he was not a statue on an altar or a picture in a museum, he was not a definition in a catechism. Jesus was Some One he had met on the Damascus Road.

Second, Paul loved people, all kinds of people. (After his conversion, not before!) He could see in the most pitiful little moron of a slave-girl, the meanest jailer, a sister or brother for whom Christ died, as he put it. Nowadays you sometimes hear church people saying about others outside the church, "They're not our kind. They wouldn't make good Presbyterians (or Baptists or what ever the speaker's church may be)." It never occurred to Paul that anybody would not make a good Christian, if only Jesus Christ got hold of him.

Furthermore, Paul had a world-horizon. There are hole-and-corner Christians and there are world Christians. Paul was a world-Christian. He "thought big." To this day, the wide-horizon, big-thinking Christians are either out there on the mission field, somewhere, or they are supporting missions with all their might.

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Bibles Across the Sea

THERE is one thing which you, reader of these lines, can do right now, if you have some of this world-vision. This week, today, you can help in a great missionary enterprise which is not confined to any denomination.

Over in Japan, General MacArthur says, Christianity and the Bible are the dykes holding up the flood of Communism. Dr. Shiro Murata, a Japanese Christian, also says: "The eyes of Japan are fixed on two books. One is Das Kapital by Karl Marx. The other is the Holy Bible. Japan is at the crossroads."

A campaign is being conducted this year to send to Japan five million Bibles and Testaments. The Japanese can read; they have the largest non-Christian population in the world reading one language. Through your local church, or even by yourself, you can contribute to this great undertaking to bring the Bible to people sorely needing it.

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Miss Christian At Wellesley College

Miss Joice Hamner Christian, of Appomattox will be among the members of the second largest freshman class to enter Wellesley College in its 76-year history.

The 487 Wellesley freshmen, who will arrive on the campus on Wednesday, September 20, will narrowly miss the record established by the class of 1922, which entered Wellesley with 492 members.

From Wednesday through Friday the freshmen will learn their way about the 400-acre campus, with the aid of "Ask-Me's," upperclassmen who return early to serve as guides, and will become oriented to college life. Their parents will be entertained at an informal reception on Wednesday afternoon by Miss Margaret Clapp, president of the college.

Game Leaders To Meet in Va.

According to Chester F. Phelps, Chief of the Game Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries and Pittman-Robertson Aid coordinator for Virginia, plans are now under way for the annual meeting of Federal Aid coordinators of the eleven states comprising the Southeastern region.

The meeting this year is scheduled for October 9 through 14, in Virginia and will be held in the form of a tour through the Old Dominion to observe game work and projects actually under way in the state.

Seek to Curb Armyworm

The fall armyworm, or grassworm —annually responsible for widespread damage in Virginia — has been reported this year from nearly all sections of the state, says John M. Amos, associate entomologist at V. P. I.

Especially hard-hit have been late planted field and sweet corn. Amos says one Giles County grower has lost ten acres of sweet corn because of the armyworm.

Farmers also are advised to watch for damage to grasses, clover, soybeans, cowpeas, alfalfa and peanuts.

A shallow furrow with three per cent DDT dust or penzene hexachloride dust in the bottom can be used to keep localized armyworm outbreaks from spreading, Amos said. The dust should be put in the furrow at the rate of two pounds to 100 linear feet. The steep side of the furrow should be opposite the worms and next to the crop being protected.

For armyworm control on forage crops for animals, Amos advises the use of one treatment of 20 per cent toyaphene dust at the rate of 20 to 30 pounds per acre.

To control armyworms on food plants, such as snap and lima beans, late sweet corn and kale, use a 5 per cent DDT, or toxaphene dust at the rate of 30 to 40 pounds per acre. If you prefer a spray, use two pounds of a 50 per cent wettable DDT powder per 100 gallons of water per acre. Do not feed treated foliage to dairy animals, or meat animals being finished for slaughter.

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Appomattox High School to play Crewe High School here on Friday night, 8 o'clock, at the Lee Ball park.

Virginia in Popular Travel Area

Richmond, Va., Sept. 20.- The South Atlantic region, including Virginia, is one of the nation's most popular vacation lands. An extensive survey reveals that the South Atlantic States draw 14.6 per cent of all the vacation trips of three or more days in the United States.

Of the vacation trips of three days or longer taken from other regions to the South Atlantic, the residents of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania make up about 40 per cent.

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